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In re Application of Raanan Ben-Zur et al. Application No. 09/662,681 Filed: September 15, 2000

DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF INVENTOR AND PETITION

For: Interface Receive for Communications

Among Network Elements

UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT

This is in response to the Request for Reconsideration filed on April 25, 2001. The papers filed April 25, 2001, included a Declaration signed by previous non-signing inventor, Mr. Bayne G. Steele, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under Rule 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any Rule 1.47 status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need <u>not</u> be returned to this Office for any further consideration under Rule 1.47(a).

The request for reconsideration was filed timely; therefore, no additional fee or petition fee is due. Accordingly, the \$130 fee submitted with the request for reconsideration will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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